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Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Tuesday, 16 February 1993, at 3 p.m.

President: Mr. HUSLID (Norway)
(Vice-President)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.20 p.m.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE COUNCIL AND CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FUNCTIONAL COMMISSIONS (continued) (E/1993/L.19)

Commission on Sustainable Development (continued) (E/1993/2)

The PRESIDENT announced the results of the vote to elect 11 members from the Group of Asian States:

Number of ballot papers: 53

Number of invalid ballots: 0

Number of valid ballots: 53

Abstentions: 0

Number of members voting: 53

Required majority: 27

Number of votes obtained:

India 51

Malaysia 51

China 50

Japan 50

Singapore 49

Republic of Korea 47

Philippines 46

Sri Lanka 45

Pakistan 43

Indonesia 42

Vanuatu 37

Kuwait 27

Saudi Arabia 16

Jordan 14

Having obtained the required majority and the largest number of votes, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippines, the

Republic of Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vanuatu were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

The PRESIDENT announced the results of the vote to elect 10 members from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States:

Number of ballot papers: 53

Number of invalid ballots: 0

Number of valid ballots: 53

Abstentions: 0

Number of members voting: 53

Required majority: 27

Number of votes obtained:

Mexico 51

Chile 49

Colombia 49

Brazil 47

Cuba 47

Venezuela 47

Barbados 44

Antigua and Barbuda .. 42

Uruguay 38

Bolivia 36

Costa Rica 25

Guyana 24

Nicaragua 24

Peru 1

Having obtained the required majority, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Chile, Mexico, Uruguay and Venezuela were elected members of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

The PRESIDENT announced that the Council would proceed to hold a restricted ballot between Angola and Ghana, the two candidates of the Group of African States that had received the same number of votes.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Momen (Bangladesh) and Mr. Murphy (Ireland) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers: 52

Number of invalid ballots: 0

Number of valid ballots: 52

Number of members voting: 52

Required majority: 27

Number of votes obtained:

Angola 27

Ghana 25

Having obtained the required majority, Angola was elected a member of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Terms of office

Group of African States

The PRESIDENT, announcing the results of the drawing of lots among the 13 elected members of the Group of African States, said that the first group of five countries - Burkina Faso, Gabon, Malawi, Namibia and Tunisia - would serve for a term of three years; the second group of four countries - Algeria, Benin, Egypt and Nigeria - for a term of two years; and the third group of four countries - Angola, Guinea, Madagascar and Morocco - for a term of one year.

Group of Asian States

The PRESIDENT, announcing the results of the drawing of lots among the 11 elected members of the Group of Asian States, said that the first group of four countries - China, Indonesia, Pakistan and the Republic of Korea - would serve for a term of three years; the second group of four countries - the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Vanuatu - for a term of two years; and the third group of three countries - India, Japan and Malaysia - for a term of one year.

Group of Eastern European States

The PRESIDENT, announcing the results of the drawing of lots among the six elected members of the Group of Eastern European States, said that the first group of two States - the Russian Federation and Poland - would serve for a term of three years; the second group of two States - the Czech Republic

(The President)

and Hungary - for a term of two years; and the third group of States - Bulgaria and Belarus - for a term of one year.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

The PRESIDENT, announcing the results of the drawing of lots among the 10 elected members of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, said that the first group of four countries - Antigua and Barbuda, Bolivia, Chile and Uruguay - would serve for a term of three years; the second group of three countries - Brazil, Colombia and Cuba - for a term of two years; and the third group of three countries - Barbados, Mexico and Venezuela - for a term of one year.

Group of Western European and other States

The PRESIDENT, announcing the results of the drawing of lots among the 13 elected members of the Group of Western European and other States, said that the first group of five countries - Belgium, Germany, Iceland, the Netherlands and Turkey - would serve for a term of three years; the second group of four countries - Australia, Austria, France and Norway - for a term of two years; and the third group of four countries - Canada, Italy, the United Kingdom and the United States of America - for a term of one year.

Mrs. CASTAÑO (Colombia), speaking on behalf of the Group of 77, said that the Group attached particular importance to the Commission on Sustainable Development, which had been formally established as a functional commission of the Economic and Social Council. The Group would work closely with the representatives who had been appointed to participate in the work of the Commission.

The Group of 77 wished to express its very strong hope that one of its members would be the Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, especially in the light of the Group's active and constructive participation in the entire process that had resulted in establishment of the Commission. She hoped that the commitment that had also been demonstrated by the industrialized countries would be reflected in their willingness to work under a Chairman from a country of the South.

The PRESIDENT said that the organizational session of the Economic and Social Council would resume on 29 April 1993.

The meeting rose at 4.05 p.m.